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SUBJECT: APPLICATION OF CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL TO IMPORT OF ITALIAN
NICKEL PRODUCTS

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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION (LESS COMPLIMENT-
ARY PORTIONS) OF NOTE VERBALE RECEIVED NOVEMBER 14:
QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERS TO REGULATIONS
CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IN THE US PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF
CERTAIN IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS CONTAINING NICKEL. THESE PROVISIONS
HAVE THE INTENDED EFFECT OF PROHIBITING THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE
US OF NICKEL OF CUBAN ORIGIN USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL
PRODUCTS WHICH INCORPORATE NICKEL. WITH REGARD TO THIS, THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR OF ASSURING THE US
EMBASSY THAT THE COMPETENT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE ABLE, FROM
TIME TO TIME AND IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC CASES, TO CERTIFY THE
ABSENCE OF CUBAN ORIGIN NICKEL IN SOME ITALIAN IRON AND STEEL
PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT TO THE US.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE
US EMBASSY WOULD CONFIRM IF, GIVEN THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH
CERTIFICATION, THE COMPETENT (US) AUTHORITIES WOULD CONSENT
TO THE IMPORTATION (INTO THE US) OF SUCH IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS
IN QUESTION.
AT THIS TIME THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO
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BRING TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION THAT IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF

TERNINOSS ACCIAI INOSSIDABILI THE COMPETENT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE STATED THAT THIS COMPANY HAS NEVER ACQUIRED NICKEL FERRO-ALLOYS OF CUBAN ORIGIN OR FROM CUBA BUT DURING THE PERIOD 1973-74 HAS ONLY SUPPLIED ITSELF WITH NICKEL FERROALLOYS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND OF NON CUBAN ORIGIN.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE EMBASSY OF THE US, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HAS BEEN DECLARED, WOULD CONFIRM THAT THE (US) AUTHORITIES CONSENT TO THE IMPORTATION INTO THE US OF IRON PRODUCTS CONTAINING NICKEL EXPORTED BY THE MENTIONED ITALIAN FIRM. END QUOTE

2. PLS ADVISE ANSWER FOR ABOVE NOTE. VOLPE

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